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## AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraphs at p. 6, lines 7-12, with the following:

- Fig. 3C shows alignment of the first conserved region of lysyl oxidase pro-peptide from human, mouse and rat, respectively (SEQ ID NOs.: 3-5)—(http://blocks.fhcre.org); and
- Fig. 3D shows alignment of the second conserved region of lysyl oxidase pro-peptide from human, mouse and rat, respectively (SEQ ID NOs.: 6-8)—(http://blocks.fhere.org).